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SUBJ: EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTY CONFERENCE

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CANADIAN DEL HAS CIRCULATED REPORT OF RECENT CONVERSATION
IN BUCHAREST BETWEEN CANADIAN AMBASSADOR AND AN UNNAMED ROMANIAN
FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL. FOLLOWING IS MISSION'S INFORMAL
TRANSLATION OF FRENCH LANGUAGE ORIGINAL OF CANADIAN REPORT:
BEGIN TEXT:

DURING A RECENT CONVERSATION IN BUCHAREST AT THE MINISTRY
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR ASKED WHAT WAS THE
ROMIAN POSITION REGARDING PREPARATIONS FOR THE CONFERENCE OF
EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES. HIS INTERLOCUTOR REPLIED THAT THE
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ROMANIAN POSITION HAS NOT CHANGED. ACCORDING TO THE INTER-
LOCUTOR, THE ROMANIANS ARE "NOT AGAINST" SUCH A CONFERENCE,
BUT IT "MUST NOT RESULT IN WORSENING THE DIVERGENCES" AMONG
THE CP'S. HE ADDED THAT THE WELL KNOWN ROMANIAN CONDITIONS,

SPELLED OUT BY STEFAN ANDREI IN HIS ARTICLE PUBLISHED IN THE ROMANIAN PRESS SHORTLY AFTER THE WARSAW CONSULTATIVE MEETING LAST OCTOBER, WERE STILL VALID.

THE ROMANIAN INTERLOCUTOR THEN MENTIONED THAT IDENTICAL REQUIREMENTS HAD BEEN PRESENTED BY OTHER PARTIES, AMONG WHICH HE CITED THE YUGOSLAV, ITALIAN AND SPANISH CP'S. HE REPEATED THAT THE CONFERENCE SHOULD NOT RESULT IN DEEPENING THE DIVERGENCES AMONG THE PARTIES, WHICH IMPLIES THAT THE CP'S SHOULD BASE THEIR DISCUSSION ON WHAT UNIFIES THEM RATHER THAN WHAT DIVIDES THEM.

THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR THEN ASKED WHETHER THE ROMANIAN CP WOULD REFUSE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONFERENCE, OR WOULD WITHDRAW FROM IT, IF ROMANIAN REQUIREMENTS WERE NOT MET. THE REPLY SEEMED TO EXCLUDE SUCH ACTION. HE ANSWERED THAT, IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES, THE ROMANIAN CP WOULD LET IT BE CLEARLY KNOWN THAT IT DOES NOT AGREE AND WOULD REFUSE TO ASSOCIATE ITSELF WITH ANY TEXT OR DECISION WHICH WENT AGAINST ITS VIEWS. AT THE SAME TIME, THE ROMANIAN INTERLOCUTOR DISPLAYED OPTIMISM IN EXPRESSING THE OPINION THAT BETWEEN NOW AND THE HOLDING OF THE CONFERENCE THE ROMANIAN CP, WORKING WITH OTHER PARTIES THAT SHARE ITS VIEWS, HAS TIME TO MAKE SURE THAT THE PRINCIPLES IT DEFENDS ARE INCLUDED IN THE FINAL DOCUMENT.

FINALLY, THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR ASKED WHETHER THE CONFERENCE WOULD NOT TAKE PLACE FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION OF CSCE. THE ROMANIAN LIMITED HIS REPLY TO SAYING THAT THE IMPORTANT THING FOR THE ROMANIANS IS NOT WHEN THE CONFERENCE WILL TAKE PLACE, BUT RATHER TO SEE TO IT THAT THE CONFERENCE DOES NOT RESULT IN WORSENING THE DIVERGENCES AMONG THE CP'S.

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